



Chosen to Lead Economic Services Programs

Meet **Troy Hutson**

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Troy Hutson is the assistant secretary of the DSHS Economic Services Administration.

Born in Guyana, South America, Troy was raised by a single mother and immigrated to the United States in 1986.

Troy served as an Army medic at Fort Lewis and later staffed a military hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.

Troy graduated from Seattle University with a degree in nursing and a minor in English. He then received a commission into the Army Nurse Corps as a lieutenant and served in the Army Reserve.

After serving as a registered nurse at veterans hospitals in Long Beach, CA and Seattle, Troy attended the University of Washington where he received his law degree in 2000. Troy served as a policy analyst, director of legal and clinical policy and vice president of the Washington State Hospital Association. Here, he worked collaboratively to develop and implement a workforce policy and advocacy agenda for 100 hospitals in 36 of the 39 counties in Washington.

Most recently, Troy was responsible for the creation and development of the strategic non-profit, Health Work Force Institute. As the executive director, he brought together health industry, government and political leadership to focus strategically on research, educational capacity building, diversity, youth, retention and leadership development for the health workforce in Washington.

Troy brings his personal experience and background of service to the ESA mission of helping people build better lives. The four key values that Troy brings to all his work are:

- Customer Focus
- Support and Empower Staff
- Value Partnerships
- Innovation and accountability

Troy makes his home in Seattle with his wife and three children, ages 12, 10 and 8.